

Parish News • March 5, 2021

Ely United Methodist Church Members/Friends,

Greetings from Pastor Craig! As you have probably heard “meteorological spring” has arrived along with the month of March. Weather-types group the months of March/April/May into meteorological spring, June/July/August into summer, September/October/November into fall, and December/January/February into winter. So in this sense spring has arrived!!

But even as we are enjoying the sun and warmer temperatures this week, we’re also aware the traditional state tournament blizzards and the mud season of April are on the horizon.

I’ve been grateful for so many things over the past twelve months. I want to mention a few here specifically in relation to Ely United Methodist Church, recognizing in advance I’m going to miss many more things as well. I’m grateful to each of you for:

- The ways you have stayed in touch with one another and cared for one another as our lives have been turned upside down.
- For how you adapted first to our outdoor/parking lot service last summer and now to our *Facebook* Live service.
- For your consistent financial support of our church.
- For embracing Zoom for meetings and Bible Study. (How many of you even knew what Zoom was a year ago? I didn’t!)
- For how you have supported me following my father’s death and during the challenges of pastoring during a pandemic.

Item #1: We’re going to try something a little different this Sunday at the beginning of our worship service. I have been starting the worship service at 9:50 with a greeting, followed by silence so those of you following on *Facebook* at home are able to greet one another and be welcomed by Sheri Rue, our *Facebook* greeter and hospitality person.

This week following the greeting at 9:50, I’m going to allow the people worshipping in-person in the sanctuary to greet one another while remaining in their places. Those of you at home may choose to mute

your computer/device or listen in while also greeting one-another in the *Facebook* comment section. If you do choose to listen in you'll only hear my side of the conversation, however because only sound going through our sound system is broadcast via *Facebook*. I'll try to pass along the gist of what people in the pews are saying to one another.

Item #2: In light of the low infection numbers in Ely recently, we're opening up our worship services for anyone who wishes to attend in person, whether you have Internet at home or not.

We need to practice social distance because of the age and underlying health conditions of many of our church members, so it's important that you call Jeanne Tomlinson on or before Saturday to let her know you would like to attend. Her phone number is 218-235-8470.

If those attending worship in person are able to arrive by 9:50 this helps us out a lot because that's when we begin our broadcast for people viewing at home. Your early arrival helps us to get you seated on or before our broadcast begins.

Item #3: We're interested in having a variety of people read scripture on Sunday morning and boys and girls fulfill the duties of being an acolyte by lighting and extinguishing candles. Please contact Pastor Craig or Linda Hane (218-343-5022) if you're interested.

Item #4: Would you pass along any thoughts you have regarding our weekly *Parish News* communications? We started *Parish News* as the pandemic arrived to help us stay in touch with each other. During the pandemic we've also paused publishing *The Fish*, our monthly newsletter.

Your feedback will help us evaluate how best to keep us all up to date with what's happening in our church. You may email Pastor Craig at sandpointhabes@gmail.com or call the church (218-365-3355) or parsonage (218-365-3716), leaving a message if necessary. Thank you.

Item #5: Please find attached the minutes from our February Administrative Council meeting.

Item #6: Please find this week's *Prayer Wall* either enclosed for those receiving *Parish News* through the mail or attached for those receiving *Parish News* electronically.

There will be no *Parish News* next week, on March 12th. I will be visiting my family in Sioux Falls. The next *Parish News* will be on Friday, March 19th.

Hear now the words with which we close our service most Sundays:

"May the peace of the Lord Christ be you. And may the peace of the Lord Christ go with you wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing once again within these doors."

With my warmest regards,

Pastor Craig

The Ely United Methodist Church

Prayer Wall

March 5, 2021

This is a guide for prayer this week. The *Prayer Wall* is a reminder of those needing prayers during devotional times. Thank you for dedicating some of your personal prayer time to lift up these requests.

Mark 11: 24



“Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

We lift up the following in prayer...

- **Johnny Hedge** – Bill Hane’s grandnephew broke his collarbone and received a concussion from a bad motorcycle accident. Fortunately, he wore his helmet or it could have been worse. Pray for healing.
- **Tootsie Loe** – Tootsie fell and is in the hospital in Duluth. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Wesley Wesinger** – Vicki Wagner’s nephew is having serious health issues. Pray for healing & comfort.
- **Phyllis Olson** – Phyllis fell down her stairs and broke her hip and needed surgery. Pray for healing.
- **Mike Haney** – Mike is struggling with his loss of strength and treatments for brain cancer.
- **Marj Markwardt** – Marj fell and broke her femur and is in a swing bed at the Aurora hospital.
- **Jer Niskala** – Jer had emergency surgery to remove his gall bladder on Feb 16 & the surgery went well
- **Pastor Jim Johnson** – Pastor of the Motley UMC is suffering from high blood pressure and has a medical team working on the cause and treatment.
- **Dan Johnson** – Update. Dan is now home and making great improvements. Thanks for all your prayers
- **Stan & Lois Gray** – Update: Carol Laine’s sister-in-law, Lois, has passed away, but Stan is doing much better and on the mend. Both were in intensive care in McAllen, TX and not doing well. Prayers for Stan.
- **Emma Smrekar** – Carolyn Fendt’s great granddaughter is receiving chemo and radiation treatments
- **Schreffler family & Friends** – Update: Tricia’s father-in-law & Jim’s father, Ted, passed away.
- **Madison** – Angie Olson’s cousin’s 16 year old daughter was diagnosed with thyroid cancer. Prayer for healing treatments
- **Linda Williams** – Fell and broke her hip & is recovering in the BWCC. Please keep her in your prayers.
- **Those who have contracted the COVID-19 Virus and Family Members**
- **All essential health care workers exposed to the COVID-19 virus**

We include all the United Methodist Churches and Pastors, both active and retired, in our MN UMC Annual Conference as we work in extraordinary ways to keep our congregations and communities free from infection by the COVID-19 virus.

Prayer requests are compiled from our church prayer chain, from our Sunday morning church congregation using the prayer request forms located in the pew welcome pads, and the North Star District Prayer List. Prayer requests will remain on the Prayer Wall through four weeks unless removed earlier because the prayer is known to be no longer necessary. People may ask that prayers be renewed on the list for subsequent 4-week periods. The Prayer Wall is finalized each Thursday for the Sunday morning service.

**Ely United Methodist Church
Sunday, March 7, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

**Welcome
Prelude**

Pastor Craig
Susan Germek

***Hymn** #147 All Things Bright and Beautiful
Opening Prayer

Children's Time

Old Testament Reading Psalm 19
Epistle Reading I Corinthians 1:18-25

***Hymn** #454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

Meditation

Pastor Craig

**Prayer Wall
Pastoral Prayer**

**Offertory
*Doxology**

***The Great Thanksgiving** #15

***The Lord's Prayer
Communion**

***Hymn** #133 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

**Ringing of the Bell
Benediction
Postlude**

Leading worship: Pastor Craig Haberman
Accompanist: Susan Germek
Song Leader: Bev Johnson
Liturgist: Patty Rusco

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR LATER IN LENT

This text is intended for use later in Lent, such as Passion/Palm Sunday, the early days of Holy Week (prior to Thursday evening), or the first Sunday in April (if it falls within Lent).

It is used by the pastor while the congregation uses A Service of Word and Table II (UMH 13-15) or III (UMH 15-16) or one of the musical settings (UMH 17-25).

The pastor stands behind the Lord's table. See 28.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. *The pastor may lift hands and keep them raised.*

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty (*almighty God*), creator of heaven and earth.
In love you made us for yourself;
and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death,
your love remained steadfast.

You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the Easter feast,
that, renewed by your Word and Sacraments
and fervent in prayer and works of justice and mercy,
we may come to the fullness of grace
that you have prepared for those who love you.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The pastor may lower hands.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The pastor may raise hands.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ,
whom you sent in the fullness of time to redeem the world.
He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant,
being born in our likeness.
He humbled himself and became obedient unto death,
even death on a cross.
He took upon himself our sin and death and offered himself,
a perfect sacrifice for the sin of the whole world.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
 you gave birth to your Church,
 delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
 and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the bread, or touch the bread, or lift the bread.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
 gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the cup, or touch the cup, or lift the cup.

When the supper was over he took the cup,
 gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
 "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
 Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The pastor may raise hands.

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
 as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us,
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor may hold hands, palms down, over the bread and cup.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
 that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

The pastor may raise hands.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world,
 until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
 all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father (God), now and for ever.

Amen.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain (Unison)

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der- ful: the Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o-pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tains, the riv - er run-ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun-set and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

D.C.

Open My Eyes, That I May See

1. O - pen my eyes, that I may see glimps - es of truth thou
 2. O - pen my ears, that I may hear voic - es of truth thou
 3. O - pen my mouth, and let me bear glad - ly the warm truth

hast for me; place in my hands the won - der - ful key
 send - est clear; and while the wave - notes fall on my ear,
 ev - ery - where; o - pen my heart and let me pre - pare

Refrain

that shall un - clasp and set me free.
 ev - ery - thing false will dis - ap - pear. Si - lent - ly now I
 love with thy chil - dren thus to share.

wait for thee, read - y, my God, thy will to see.

O - pen my eyes,
 O - pen my ears, il - lu - mine me, Spir - it di - vine!
 O - pen my heart,

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms 133

1. What a fel-low-ship, what a joy di-vine, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev - er -
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev - er -

last - ing arms; what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean-ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, lean - ing,
 lean-ing on Je - sus, safe and se-cure from all a-larms; lean - ing on

ing, Je - sus, lean - ing, lean-ing on Je - sus, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.